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SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL: MC CASES 67272 AND 67624

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1. ARMANDO VELASQUEZ, PERMANENT SECRETARY, WAR MATERIAL DEPARTMENT, BOLIVIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE OFFICE WHICH GRANTS OR DENIES AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL IMPORTATION OF MUNITIONS INTO BOLIVIA, TOLD EMBASSY THAT MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION 497/72 OF AUGUST 9, 1972 HAS BEEN REVALIDATED, AUTHORIZING AGENCIAS GENERALES, COCHABAMBA, TO IMPORT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. 100 RIFLES CAL 22
- B. 62 SHOTGUNS CAL 16
- C. 5 SHOTGUNS CAL 20
- D. 5 SHOTGUNS CAL 10
- E. 3 SHOTGUNS CAL 12

2. VELASQUEZ SAID NO RPT NO OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS ARE OUTSTANDING IN FAVOR OF AGENCIAS GENERALES.

3. AGENCIAS GENERALES IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED FIRM (SEE WORLD TRADERS DATA REPORT (WTDR) OF NOVEMBER 1972), LONG DEALING IN SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

4. EMBASSY OFFERS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR ANY OR ALL OF ITEMS LISTED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.

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5. FYI. BY REF B, THE EMBASSY INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT

AGENCIAS GENERALES HAD NO THEN-CURRENTLY VALID AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT MUNITIONS AND RECOMMENDED THAT ISSUANCE OF AN EXPORT LICENSE BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE LOCAL FIRM FULFILLED LOCAL REQUIREMENTS. WE NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOW HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSE FROM THE SAME U.S. FIRM FOR THE SAME BOLIVIAN IMPORTER FOR QUANTITIES GREATER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH LOCAL AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGE SAVAGE ARMS TO ASSURE ITSELF THAT THE FOREIGN FIRMS TO WHICH IT WISHES TO EXPORT HAVE SATISFIED LOCAL REQUIREMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE.
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